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SUBJ: TEXT OF UK-COB CARRY-OVER AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UK-COB CARRY-OVER AGREEMENT CONCERN-
ING BASE AND OPERATING RIGHTS CONTAINED IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
CONCLUDED AUGUST 28. COMPLIMENTARY OPENING, INTRODUCTION AND
CLOSING OMITTED.

2. "IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UK GOVERNMENT THAT BOTH
GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN INITIATED WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREE-
MENT ON OR BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 1973, SUBJECT TO THE EXTENSION
OF THAT DATE BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

3. "FURTHER, IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PENDING THE CONCLU-
SION OF SUCH DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT, THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT
WILL ALLOW PERSONNEL, AND VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT OF THE UK
FORCES OR ON CHARTER TO SUCH FORCES AND FOR THE TIME BEING
IN THEIR SERVICE TO USE THE TERRITORY, WATERS AND AIRSPACE
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE SAME MANNER AS
THEY DID BEFORE 10 JULY 2973, FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING, MAIN-
TAINING AND SERVICING THEIR EXISTING INSTALLATIONS.

4. "IT IS ALSO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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BAHAMAS WOULD FAVOURABLY CONSIDER GRANTING THE REASONABLE

REQUESTS OF THE UK GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THE MOVEMENT OF UK FORCES IN AND OVER THE TERRITORY, WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BAHAMAS, UNCONNECTED WITH THE USE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF EXISTING INSTALLATIONS, BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUCH RIGHTS AS THE UK FORCES ENJOY UNDER THE CARRY-OVER ARRANGEMENTS EXECUTED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US AND THE BAHAMAS.

5. "WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS OF UK FORCES IN THE BAHAMAS AFTER 10 JULY AND BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT, THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT WILL, IN SO FAR AS IT REASONABLY CAN, GIVE EFFECT TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE BY ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DRAFT STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS AN ANNEX TO THIS NOTE AND TO THOSE PROVISIONS WHICH ARE NOT ALREADY PROVIDED FOR BY BAHAMIAN LAW."

6. COMMENT: MAJOR CHANGES FROM UK DRAFT APPEAR TO BE (A) ADDITION OF WORD "TERRITORY" IN PARA 3 ABOVE, BEFORE "WATERS AND AIRSPACE"; (B) ADDITION OF LAST PHRASE OF PARA 5 ABOVE, BEGINNING "AND TO THOSE PROVISIONS..." OTHER CHANGES APPEAR TO REPRESENT COMPROMISES IN WORDING CONCERNING BAHAMIAN COMMITMENT VIS-A-VIS UK REQUESTS PARA 4, ABOVE, AND "ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS" PARA 5 ABOVE.

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